

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 762

By Floyd

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Pamela McGaha Rector
upon being named Tennessee Teacher of the
Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those outstanding educators who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Pamela McGaha Rector of the Teacher Preparation Academy at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga is one such estimable educator who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Pamela Rector was recently named the 2007-2008 Teacher of the Year for Tennessee, East Tennessee, Southeast Tennessee, and Hamilton County, an honor most befitting her outstanding tenure as an educator as it recognizes the positive influence she has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Rector received her bachelor's degree in English from the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga and a master's degree in Curriculum and Development from Tusculum College; and

WHEREAS, a truly capable educator, Ms. Rector began her teaching career at Sequatchie County Middle School, followed by tenures at Soddy Daisy High School and Cherokee High School; and

WHEREAS, she then began a long and fruitful career at Red Bank High School that extended from January of 1981 to June of 2007, and she also lent her talents as a Professor in Residence at Cleveland High School and Cleveland Middle School, mentoring student teachers; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Rector has been an active member of both the National Education Association and the Tennessee Education Association since 1975, and of the Hamilton County Education Association since 1977, during which time she served as coeditor of HCEA Today, as well as on the Distinguished Classroom Teacher Committee; and

WHEREAS, she has also lent her professional talents to Alpha Delta Kappa Honorary Sorority, in which where she has held numerous leadership positions, including president, as well as developing and coordinating scholarship luncheons that have raised more than \$10,000 for scholarships for local students majoring in education; and

WHEREAS, Pamela Rector has earned the respect and admiration of her peers through her meritorious service and singular expertise as a workshop presenter, Career Ladder III teacher and advisory board member; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to accolades, Ms. Rector has most deservedly earned a variety of awards during her career, including Chattanooga Lookouts baseball team Starting Nine Teacher Hall of Fame, Hixson High School Hall of Fame inductee, Teacher Outstanding Performance Award, Hamilton County Education Association President's Award, Hamilton County Distinguished Classroom Teacher, Hamilton County Education Association Special Award, Freedom's Foundation at Valley Forge Teachers Medal, and the Laura Handley Brock Award of Excellence for Most Influential Teacher; and

WHEREAS, an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike, Ms. Rector is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, Pamela Rector epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Pamela McGaha Rector on being named the 2007-2008 Teacher of the Year for Tennessee, East Tennessee, Southeast Tennessee, and Hamilton County, commend her exceptional service to the children of

Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.